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## CHINESE DOMESTIC WHO IS A JEWEL.

Volcano House, Kilauea, (Hawaii), August 9.—The Frank L. Hoogs personally conducted excursion to the Volcano of Kilauea was not a howling success from a numerical point of view, but the ladies and gentlemen who went along have no cause to regret making the trip as one and all had an outing that for strange sights, cannot be excelled in any other land. Four days were spent at the Volcano House, more time than is usually allotted to tourists, and each hour passed away as pleasantly as possible. It is now almost time for our departure and we all regret to leave this cool spot with its many attractions.

Our departure from Honolulu will always be pleasantly remembered, thanks to Professor Berger and the many people who crowded the wharf. The steamer trip here was uneventful. We made frequent stops at ports on the Maui coast and when Mahukona was reached, a number of passengers went ashore to hear all about the fire that wiped out the store and warehouse of Wilder & Co.

A large pile of charred ruins is all that marks the place where the store once stood. Nothing was saved from the fire, with the exception of the office books, and they were badly charred when removed from the safe. The exact cause of the fire will never be ascertained, but the supposition is that the blaze started in a corner of the building where paints and oils had been stored.

The store and office had been closed about 5 o'clock in the afternoon by Charles J. Falk, the book-keeper. Everything was all right at that hour. About 5 o'clock flames were seen issuing from the rear of the "L" shaped building and a few moments later the entire structure was in flames. Fortunately there was but little wind at the time, otherwise the result would have been more disastrous as piles of lumber were stacked in the immediate neighborhood, besides buildings that the flames could have easily reached. It is estimated that the loss will reach \$5000 outside of insurance amounting to twice that sum.

C. L. Wight, the manager of the Mahukona branch of Wilder & Co.'s business, was a passenger on the Kinau. He heard of the fire at Lahaina, the news being telephoned from Kahului by G. P. Wilder, who received the information written on a small piece of tissue paper, which was fastened to the tiny leg of a carrier pigeon. The pigeon was sent from Hana to Kahului by Purser Kibling of the steamer Claudine. This is the way the message ran:

"Steamer Claudine, Friday, 7 a. m.—Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the Mahukona store was discovered to be on fire and was burned to the ground, taking all the lumber line—makai of it also. Mr. Falk has no idea what caused the fire. Mr. Wight will come up on the Kinau, and Mr. Falk would like you to send him this message to Maialaea. We are just arriving at Hana.

"C. A. K."

We got off at Mahukona to see our very good friend Mr. Smithies, who is a Collecting-General, Port Surveyor, Deputy Port Surveyor, and Postmaster. He has a temporary custom house in the warehouse near the landing place, and the said custom house consists of one queer looking desk, behind which sat Mr. Smithies, trying to make the best of nothing. His office was in the burned building, but he saved nothing but the desk and his stock of stories. His latest tale is that he has stopped raising strawberries for export and is now devoting his time to pineapple culture. This story will be amusing to people who have ever placed their feet on the Mahukona shore, as it seems that nothing thrives there but Mr. Smithies and rocks and rocks and rocks.

Quite a contrast to Mahukona is the beautiful green spot on which the town of Hilo is situated. We had but one hour's stay on our trip up, and that hour was spent in a vain attempt to get something to eat. We reached a hotel where the food was dealt out on the instalment plan—that is, you got some coffee first, then, ten minutes later, you were handed a piece of rubber steak, and then, ten minutes later, you were handed something else, and finally, when everything was placed before you the driver calls out "all aboard," and there you are. In justice to the hotel man, it must be said that, according to his story, his cooks and waiters all left him the night before, and, in my memory serves me right,

I think he told me the same story on my previous trip to Hilo.

With the exception of the first few miles out of Hilo, the Volcano road is in excellent condition, and before this appears in print the road will have been completed to the door of the hotel. The busses have been going from Hilo to the Volcano House direct for some time in spite of the fact that the road is not finished for a short distance—about one mile and a half from this place; but, as I have previously stated, the road will be finished very shortly. Riding in a Concord bus all the way is a decided improvement over the old plan of taking to horses about nine miles. The ride is now very comfortable, and ladies can undertake the journey without fear of death from exhaustion.

The hotel has been crowded for over a month, and Peter Lee wears a smile that could not be measured with a yard-stick. People are coming and going constantly, but the attendance at the dining tables remains the same—always crowded. At this writing about thirty people are here, and visits to the crater are of frequent occurrence. Madame Pele is still in a very active condition, and the night scenes "beggar description," as the circus posters read. The lake has not changed very much since last accounts, but it is evidently sinking slowly. The wall of the crater is very shaky at different points, and, at intervals, portions fall in, causing large clouds of dust to ascend. Peter Lee has discovered a safe resting place, and he will soon commence work on a house to be used as a shelter for people who visit Hawaii's great wonder.

The weather here has been delightful for some weeks, sunshine all day, with occasional showers at night. It is such a pleasant change from Honolulu, with its heat of the past few weeks, that a short stay at this elevation is a better tonic than Dr. Jay's Celery and Iron tonic ever dared to be. One cannot disguise the fact that Peter Lee knows how to run a hotel. He leaves nothing undone to make a stranger's stay a most agreeable one. He is ably seconded by Ah Hee. The latter is a very intelligent Chinese who has not received the public recognition he deserves. Hee has been here for some years. He meets you on your arrival at the door, and carries your grip to the best room in the house, for all are "best" in his estimation; he waits on the table at meal hours and, when not otherwise engaged, rearranges the rooms, carries water, attends the sulphur baths and, when the fires are low, Ah Hee can be seen flitting about with fresh fuel. Not being satisfied with the few duties mentioned, he must go over and help in the laundry. When he sleeps one knows, for he is the last one you see at night and the first one to greet you in the morning. Ah Hee is really indispensable.

From Peter Lee it is learned that the Wilder Company contemplates a change for the better in their time table. It is their intention to have the Kinau leave Honolulu at an early morning hour, instead of the afternoon, as at present. If this change is made, passengers will have out one night at sea and then arrive at Hilo about sundown the next evening. Then again, it is said, that another change for the comfort of the company's patron's will soon go into effect. It refers to that dreaded spot, Laupahoehoe. At present the Kinau arrives there at night and makes a long stop owing to the large amount of freight that is usually landed there. She comes to anchor in the trough of the sea and the incessant rolling is enough to make a good sailor man wish he was ashore. On our trip up we had about eight hours of this misery with Hilo but two hours and a half away. It is said that the steamer will make but a brief stop at Laupahoehoe on the up trip, to land mail and passengers, and then proceed to Hilo, returning to the former port the next morning to unload the freight. If this is so it is good news, as Bert Peterson remarks: "Oh, let it be soon!"

FRANK L. HOOGS.

## When the World Was a Cube.

To a person who reads modern books and modern literature in general, and who has never had either time, opportunity or inclination to strike off into the bypaths which were so frequently and industriously followed by ancient writers, thinkers and dreamers, the heading of this "note" will be an enigma. Without further speculation, however, and following the desire which should always be uppermost in every writer's mind—that of at once getting the subject itself before the reader—I will say that there was a time, centuries since, of course, when the learned men of the world really taught that the world was a square, not merely flat, but that it was a cube. The primitive geographers of Egypt, Assyria and China all taught that the world was a "square plane," evidence of which may be found on thousands of ancient monuments in the countries mentioned, as well as in their ancient manuscripts, upon their inscribed tablets of clay and other early literary remains.

One of the most curious discoveries ever made in Central America concerning Toltec belief, symbols, etc., is that they also